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## Gidgegannup Agricultural Society News

### Gidge SHOW

**The last Saturday in October!**

**77th Gidge Show  
Saturday 28 October 2023  
9am to 7pm**

**Gidgegannup Agricultural Society  
Committee 2023**

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Monthly meetings are held in the  
Gidgegannup Agricultural Society's  
office on the first Tuesday of the month.

**Next meeting Tuesday 6th June at 7pm.**

#### Stallholders Applications

The Ag Society is working on installing  
an online site for stall holders, which will  
be easier for everyone. However as we are  
already receiving exhibitor requests, we  
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You will receive a form emailed to you to  
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If your community group has previously  
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fundraising, Expressions of Interest are  
now open for the various jobs that assist  
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of the Gidge Show.

For more information you can email:  
[info@gidgeagsociety.com.au](mailto:info@gidgeagsociety.com.au) or

[groundspace@gidgeagsociety.com.au](mailto:groundspace@gidgeagsociety.com.au), or  
phone Gordon on 0403 056 019.

So many possibilities are available and  
considering when our job positions are  
filled by locals, Gidgegannup Agricultural  
Society benefits and are able to support  
both Gidgegannup and other community  
groups. Happy days!

## Exhibitors Sections

The Show encompasses two sections for exhibitors, in the Hall and the Animal exhibits  
section which is held in various places, around the arena, the wool shed and in the  
poultry pavilion.

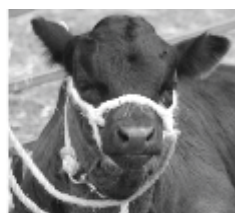
#### Animal Exhibits

- \* Dairy Goats
- \* Wool Fleeces
- \* Crop & Fodder
- \* Sheep
- \* Beef Cattle
- \* Poultry
- \* Poultry - Children
- \* Miniature Goats

#### Hall Exhibits

- \* Eggs
- \* Apiculture
- \* Home Grown
- \* Floriculture
- \* Floriculture - Children
- \* Home Produce
- \* Cooking
- \* Cooking - Children
- \* Photography
- \* Photography - Children
- \* Needlework
- \* Needlework - Children
- \* Creative Craft
- \* Creative Craft - Children
- \* Art
- \* Art - children
- \* Home Brews and Wines

**Anyone can enter - Entry forms online later in year at [www.gidgegannup.info](http://www.gidgegannup.info) or in the Show book!**



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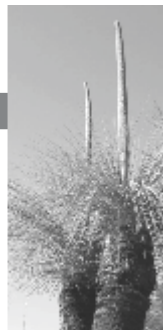
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### SMALL FARM FIELD DAY - Sunday 28th May 2023.

**Tickets on line** <https://events.humanitix.com/gidgegannup-small-farm-field-day-bn8ruijr>

You can still pay at the gate and credit card facilities will be available at Gate 6. ATM in the grounds. Entry \$15 an adult 16 years and under free.

We don't mind how you pay just come along and join us for an amazing day.

**Programme** is available in this edition of the Gidgegram and will be posted on line at [www.gidgegannup.info](http://www.gidgegannup.info) and on the fb site.

**Sorry No dogs allowed.** We know you love them and so do we but the Showgrounds get crowded with young people running around. There is also the livestock with young at foot and they get pretty upset if strange dogs appear.

We have our full complement of food vendors this year so will be unable to take any more on unless we get cancellations. We always keep all details of those exhibitors enquiring.

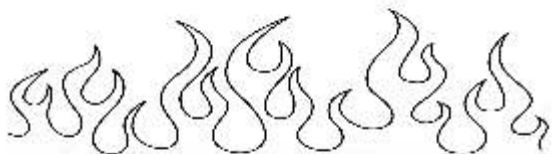
We can still take in other exhibitors but spaces are being filled fast, so get your applications in.

Back to the bookwork now and hope to see you all on Sunday, 28th May 2023 to the Field Day and the Honey Festival, Slow Olive Movement and Alpaca Expo to name a few of the events and associations and societies who will be involved on the day.



## NOW RECRUITING

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## IMPORTANT: ALL GROUPS AND ASSOCIATIONS PLEASE NOTE

### Don't forget to update Community Numbers

Due to changes in telephone services and NBN connections, many people have cancelled their landlines. If your details have changed please send new details to [ps.harms@redbrookart.com.au](mailto:ps.harms@redbrookart.com.au) to ensure the community numbers list on the back page of the Gidgegram can be updated.



# Gidge Gossips

By Sally Block

Nice to see it green again but we will need some follow up rains before there is any real pasture. The cows got very excited to see the green but are still waiting for their round bales. It is a pretty but annoying time of year with not enough feed to stop feeding, not enough days when we can actually light fires and clear up some of the fuel load and then it rains and the piles are too wet! We have a fire burning inside at night because it is cold but can't burn a fire outside because the fire danger is high.

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Anyway we can now comment on CONSULTATION ON REVISED BUSHFIRE POLICY AND GUIDELINES BEGINS

<https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2023/04/consultation-on-revised-bushfire-policy-and-guidelines-begins.aspx>

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In fact on the City of Swan site there is a section called **Swanengage** – where you will find all sorts of surveys and other interesting bits and pieces to have your comment. At the moment we have the Local Area Plan (LAP) for comment. This is revised every 5 years or so and if you have been saying for ages that Gidgegannup needs this or that, now is your opportunity to make your voice heard.

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The Field Day is now approaching rapidly and this looks like being a day with a lot to offer to everyone. Worth visiting to entertain the kids, see the livestock, take part in the entertainment and talks and relax in one of the two Café/Entertainment areas with amazing food and lots to do and see.

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Feedbacks on Telstra problems throughout Gidge – mostly related to topography and not enough bandwidth. We again fall in that grey area of not urban but not considered rural enough to get some more upgrades to our towers. Federal and State Government seem to have forgotten this enclave of Gidgegannup – not enough votes? too hard? Hmm – time to make a big noise?

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Noises still about development close to us in Mundaring. Although there are some aspects of the Satterley development that seem attractive – smaller lots to retire to (I'm trying to think of some more). There is no doubt that if this development is approved it has the ability to affect Gidgegannup in a very big way, mainly in the areas of infrastructure and services. Until the delivery of both is improved this is something we don't need. Power – the Darlington line is probably our worst for outages. Telecommunications – well there is an area we could talk about for a lengthy time. Roads – the worst of all – local roads will not cope without significant upgrades (City of Swan derives no income from this development) so ratepayers are going to have a bit of a burden. Until EastLink is built this

development should not happen. Toodyay Road gets enough tailbacks without adding anything to the mixture. Anyway think about this and consider putting a submission in by 8<sup>th</sup> May. Not that we are totally against it – but why should existing residents be impacted without definite timelines for the provision of all this infrastructure.

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## Only Joking

### A perfectly triangular lake has 3 kingdoms on its 3 sides

The first kingdom is rich and powerful, filled with wealthy, prosperous people, the second is humbler, but has its fair share of wealth and power. The third kingdom is struggling and poor, and barely has an army.

The kingdoms eventually go to war over control of the lake, as it's a valuable resource to have. The first kingdom sends 100 of its finest knights, clad in the best armour and each with their own personal squire. The second kingdom sends 50 knights, with fine leather armour and a few dozen squires of their own. The third kingdom sends their one and only knight, an elderly warrior who has long since passed his prime, with his own personal squire.

The night before the big battle, the knights in the first kingdom drink and party into the late hours of the night. The knights in the second kingdom aren't as well off, but have their own supply of grog and drink well into the night.

In the third camp, the faithful squire gets a rope and swings it over the branch of a tall tree, making a noose, and hangs a pot from it. He fills the pot with stew and has a humble dinner with the old knight.

The next morning, the knights in the first two kingdoms are hungover and unable to fight, while the knight in the third kingdom is old weary, unable to get up.

In place of the knights, the squires from all three kingdoms go and fight. The battle lasts long into the night but by the time the dust settled, only one squire was left standing – the squire from the third kingdom.

And it just goes to show you that the squire of the high pot and noose is equal to the sum of the squires of the other two sides.



# GIDGEGANNUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

**gpa@gidgegannup.info – www.gidgegannup.info**

**Next Meetings: 15 May 2023, 19th June 2023, at 7.30pm at the Agricultural Hall.**

## **TOODYAY ROAD LITTER/Weeds/Sight line visibility:**

Main Roads have now carried out pruning of vegetation to improve the sight line visibility at the Reen Road junction which has been successful but there are still problems at this intersection due to the curve of the Toodyay Road. Extreme caution needs to be exercised when exiting Reen Road to head west with a slow moving vehicle. One accident and several near misses have been reported.

Report that infestations of cotton bush are still present along large parts of the Toodyay road. It is believed that Main Roads will be carrying out further eradication on the Toodyay Road verges this year.

Litter is an ongoing problem and reports are needed to be made to Main Roads to try and keep the road looking tidy. Rubbish overflowing from bins regularly in Truck parking area at top of Red Hill

## **LAP (Local Area Planning)**

We have been advised by city staff that consultation for the Upper Swan and Gidgegannup Local Area Plan commences 19 April 2023 (Wednesday!). The purpose of this first phase of consultation is to capture the community's broad priorities.

The City of Swan is reviewing its 2016 LAP and this is an opportunity to have your thoughts considered.

You can participate in person at the Gidge Small Farm Field Day, at the drop in sessions or online.

These plans are used as part of council's long term infrastructure and budgeting processes. *Your input is most important*, statistically a solid response is needed to ensure a balanced outcome so please spend some time and consider a response.

Have a read of the 2016 LAP at the link below for further information to assist you in your response.

<https://swan.engagementhub.com.au/gidgegannuplap>

City staff will be attending the GPA meeting of 15th May, 2023 at 7.30pm to discuss and explain the process.

Have Your Say on the future of the Gidgegannup Local area and go in the draw to **win a \$50 gift card!**

The City of Swan is developing the Gidgegannup Local Area Plan (LAP) and wants hear from community members about their priorities for the future of their local area. Online engagement starts today, April 19, 2023 and closes 31 May 2023.

LAP's are a mechanism for the City to establish a profile for each area, to allow local communities to identify issues through a consultative process, and for the City to develop priorities for each area. This is your chance to share your views about Gidgegannup, Red Hill, and the Avon Valley National Park.

If you would like to catch up with a member of our team, we will also be attending the following events:

- Gidgegannup Bakery Pop Up Stall, Saturday 29 April 2023, Gidgegannup Bakery
- Gidgegannup Small Farm Field Day, Sunday 28 May 2023, Gidgegannup Showgrounds

If you would like any assistance or to discuss this further, please contact us on [localareaplanning@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:localareaplanning@swan.wa.gov.au) or 9278 9626.

## **SATTERLEY REVISED PROPOSAL FOR NORTH STONEVILLE DEVELOPMENT;**

North Stoneville Updated Plan has now been released for public comment until 8th May, 2023. A fair amount of documentation. Read carefully. The provision of infrastructure has been upgraded. There are still some grey areas and vague statements to clarify. Reminiscent of Port Bouvard. We need to pick up on every point to ensure that City of Swan residents and ratepayers are not adversely affected.

[https://consultation.dplh.wa.gov.au/land-use-planning/amended-north-stoneville-structure-plan-34/?fbclid=IwAR25h1F-Br5-](https://consultation.dplh.wa.gov.au/land-use-planning/amended-north-stoneville-structure-plan-34/?fbclid=IwAR25h1F-Br5-MJ1vYEpmD2DgflnJ881gs33CLWCBGcxhDexUbmCYIDKIAt8)

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An addendum was then issued which needs reading as well.

GPA will be making a submission objecting to this proposal on the grounds of:

Ongoing lack of infrastructure particularly roads and the effect this will have on existing residents

- We have concerns that the lack of vital infrastructure/utilities will negatively impact existing residents

Lack of clarity re. staging and triggers – proposal could go ahead with no supporting infrastructure until several years into the development (shopping centre/medical centre/schools) thus impacting existing residents and new residents for up to 10 years

Fuel mitigation plans for the public and conservation areas in the plan

Control of domestic pets – dogs (danger to livestock), cats

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(danger to native wildlife).

Vague statements in the proposal that require clarification.

Controls on dumping of household/garden/building rubbish in conservation/public open space areas. Developers contribution to City of Swan who will have to maintain and improve local roads with no Rate income from this development.

At the moment we would say that the whole plan hangs on lack of infrastructure and the rather vague statements that are made on triggers for staging.

We do realise the impact this will have on Gidgegannup and in some respects the lack of infrastructure is going to have more impact on us than Mundaring.

Submissions to be made by 8th May 2023.

### **GIDGEGANNUP MENSLED;**

The Mens Shed have produced another concept plan. They are proposing to form a Users group and requesting nominations from stakeholder groups for membership. This group to assist in lobbying for improvements and undertake management of the Showgrounds. Meeting to be announced.

The GPA and Experience Gidgegannup have written to Crs. Henderson and Zannino expressing our support for the Mens Shed to be situated on the tennis court site and the proposal to include the bush area on Old Coach Road and Toodyay Road subject to conditions.

### **FIRE RISK MITIGATION;**

Have your say:

[https://swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au/grasslandfirerisk?utm\\_source=paid\\_socials&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=CS\\_GrasslandManagement](https://swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au/grasslandfirerisk?utm_source=paid_socials&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=CS_GrasslandManagement)

### **CONSULTATION ON REVISED BUSHFIRE POLICY AND GUIDELINES BEGINS**

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### **RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD**

The City of Swan Restricted Burning Period has commenced. During this period all burning requires a permit, except garden refuse burns and cooking fires that may be subject to conditions: [www.swan.wa.gov.au/fire](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/fire)

Permits may be obtained online, from your local Bush Fire

Brigade in rural areas, or from the City of Swan in built up areas. Brigade locations and permit issuing hours are contained within the fire season guide available on the City of Swan website: [www.swan.wa.gov.au/fire](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/fire)

Please be aware that all burning, including refuse piles and cooking fires, is prohibited when the fire danger rating is HIGH or above.

For further information contact the City of Swan customer services team on 9267 9267.

### **CROSSINGS ON WATER COURSES IN ABORIGINAL HERITAGE AREAS;**

Concern has been expressed regarding the rights of landowners maintaining and developing crossings on water courses in Aboriginal Heritage areas. These crossings are vital to the management of properties in these areas. Many of the Landowners are farmers and this can significantly affect the management of their properties.

### **UPDATE TO THE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE WOOROLOO BUSH FIRE ENQUIRY;**

Copy of this has been circulated to members and posted on the GPA fb page.

### **AFDRS UPDATE;**

There have been some tweaks made at the WA end of the AFDRS system, which should result in the issues so far identified being at least partly rectified. This is largely as a result of the patient gathering by a range of individuals and organisations of daily data over wide areas, and appropriate evaluation of this data, including where practicable comparing outcomes under AFDRS with what would likely have been under the previous framework.

This should result in on average lower Fire Behaviour Indices for the same base weather parameters, and this will in turn influence daily Fire Danger Ratings.


This is separate to a national review of the whole framework which has commenced and expected to be completed mid year. Meanwhile daily data collection and calculations go on.

### **WA ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES;**

Share your thoughts on the review of WA's electoral boundaries. Over time, the size of communities around WA can change. We need to review the electoral boundaries every few years so the number of electors in each district keeps elections fair. Help shape our state by giving us your thoughts on the boundary review. We invite you to lodge a written suggestion by 5pm Monday 1 May. As all submissions will be available to the public you'll then be able to read them and lodge written comments by 5pm Monday 15 May. To find out more visit [www.boundaries.wa.gov.au](http://www.boundaries.wa.gov.au) or call 08 9214 0400 (country callers 13 63 06) Translating and Interpreting Services (TIS): 13 14 50 and then ask for (08) 9214 0400 National Relay Service: Speak and Listen number 1300 555 727 or SMS Relay number 0423 677 767

### **GPA FACEBOOK SITE;**

The GPA has had a facebook site for some time. The Committee has now agreed that this will be open to non GPA members. GPA members still retain all their voting rights and other rights under the Constitution. Full membership of the GPA is available to all those living in Gidgegannup.



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# Gonneville Project Update



## Typical Development Timeline for a Mining Project

The Gonneville Project is on the journey to mine, but still has years of work until a development is finalised.



Our community consultation will increase with each stage and will play a key role in all planning considerations.

## Updated Resource at Gonneville

Chalice recently released an updated Mineral Resource Estimate (Resource) for the Gonneville Project. The Gonneville Project is located entirely on Chalice-owned farmland, and does not impact the Julimar State Forest.

The Resource defines the amount of metal in the ground. This update represents a 50% increase, however there has been no change in the overall footprint of the deposit.

The increase is a result of additional drilling and the majority of the increase sits at depth, below previously defined Resources.

The Gonneville Project hosts a rare mix of critical green metals - nickel, copper, cobalt, palladium and platinum. These metals are required in large quantities to decarbonise and address climate change.

## When will you know a final mine plan?

The Gonneville Project is not yet a mine. It is currently in the 'feasibility and permitting' stage. Our work to date shows that the mineralisation found at Gonneville starts at surface, and therefore potential mine concepts include an open-pit scenario.

Over the next 2-4 years, further studies will investigate potential mine concepts in more detail, including additional infrastructure such as power and water supply, transport and waste management.

Chalice has not yet submitted a Gonneville Project mine proposal. Any mining will require strict government approvals, and will consider environmental and social impacts. Chalice will advise the local community once it commences this assessment and permitting process, and will provide multiple opportunities for comprehensive input.

## Local Voices Survey Now Closed

**The first of our Local Voices surveys has now closed.**

Thank you to everyone who participated. Your responses will play a key role in our planning as we consider a potential future mine at the Gonneville Project.

The Voconiq team, whom Chalice engaged to implement the independent survey, are busy analysing the data and we look forward to sharing the insights.

Register for future surveys at [www.voconiqlocalvoices.com/julimar](https://www.voconiqlocalvoices.com/julimar)

## Get in Touch

### Email Us

[community@chalicemining.com](mailto:community@chalicemining.com)

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# GIDGEGANNUP FOOTBALL CLUB

**Footy is back!** We kicked off the 2023 season with a Round 1 clash against Swan View on Sunday (April 16).

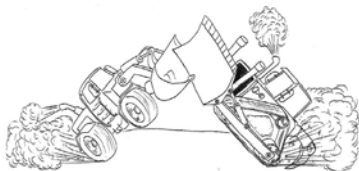
Gidgegannup 12.5-77 defeated Swan View 7.6-48. It was a hard fought win and all the work over the pre-season paid off on the day.

Our Leadership Group was announced by coach Justin Pitt before the game. Congratulations to Declan Whife who will lead us as Captain this year. He will be supported by Co-Vice Captains Jarrad Young and Josh Carter. Tim Tanner, Sean Nagle and Dylan Cahill round out the Leadership Group. Best on Ground sponsored by The Young Family: Liam Marriot

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Tim Tanner - 5

Dylan Cahill, Jarrad Young - 2

Declan Whife, Rhys Hamdscomb,  
Rhiley Fillery - 1

Thanks to all who came out to support us on the day.



Our next game is away against Warwick-Greenwood at Percy Doyle Oval on Saturday the 22nd of April. 6:30pm bounce down.

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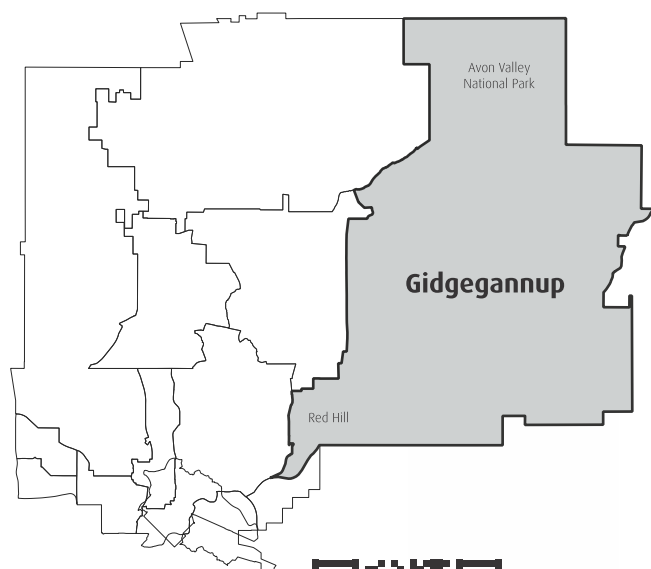


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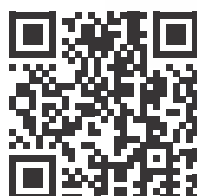
## Gidgegannup Local Area Plan community engagement now open!



The City is now undertaking a review of the Local Area Plan (LAP) for Gidgegannup and an important part of this review is understanding the community's priorities and aspirations for the local area over the next five years.

We value the priorities of the community, and invite you to have your say by taking our online survey. We will also be popping-up at the following events:

Small Farm Field Day,  
Sunday 28 May 2023,  
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# Letter to the Editor

Beyond Blue

Hi There,

My name is Thomas Hall, I am a young teacher from the Perth hills and I am running a unique fundraiser this year for Beyond Blue. I wondered if you would be interested in sharing the story and supporting the event to get some traction and donations.

In 2021 a Friend got breast cancer and I wanted to help and respond somehow, so after she started treatment I held a fundraiser for The Nation Breast Cancer Foundation by holding a Pink Ribbon Round of racing at the BSA & Harley Davidson Motorcycle Club, Gidgegannup

I have been the president of the club since late 2019 and have been holding race events and at the helm of running the club since. I was at the time a local primary school sports teacher but have since moved to teach at Eastern Hills Senior High School and teach Automotive classes there.

I expect the event to not gain too much traction and raise \$2000 or so for the cause. I had the attitude 'aim for the stars and land in the trees' so set my goal for \$5000. After my story had been published in the Echo, it gave me a massive boost and every kid, parent and business saw me in the paper and wanted to sponsor the event and donate.

I heard stories of struggle and the event brought me closer to the people in my community,

We held the event in May and had a massive turnout at the club with over 120 riders, dressed in pink and close to 300 attendees over the day.

With all donations and the event finished, now not only I but my community and I had raised more than \$8500 for the NCBF.

Now after a year, I am back at it again,

Thanks to a suggestion from my wife, This year I am back at it holding another event at the club called "Racing for Beyond Blue" which is set to be held on Sunday, May 7th - All spectators and riders are to wear something blue and come support the event.

I have been rallying as much support as I can to raise money for Beyond Blue and their 24/7 Anxiety, depression and suicide call line.



I'm trying to spread the message that "it ain't weak to speak" when you have things going on and create awareness of how to tackle and start support conversations.

We have had support from local businesses and the high school. however, I need a little more reach to get out to the community.

If you are interested in helping me with this, your support would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,  
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## *Planting, fertilising and weed control*



### **Around the Paddock** by The Farmer

Though some areas have had some decent rain last month, now is the time to start thinking about pasture and/or hay crops to be planted.

A few tips to make life a little easier before starting.

Start by cleaning up any leaf litter, twigs, branches and any rocks that may have appeared over the past few months..

A clean paddock is a breeze to work in with machinery, once the rubbish is removed.

If your paddocks have large deposits of animal manure, dragging harrows around to break it up will also enhance the soil profile..

This can then be worked back into the ground, a lot easier than clumps.

Once rain is a bit more prevalent, getting rid of the unwanted weeds can be controlled by spraying with a knock-down herbicide – this is the quickest method, but I know that many people are not in favour of this.

Grazing animals will achieve a similar result, but this way takes longer, and doesn't kill the weed problem, and scarifying or ploughing has to take place.

Scarifying or ploughing the areas is eco friendly but a longer time frame is required to get full weed control.

This method can take two to three weeks more to achieve the same result as spraying.

It's important to know what the fertiliser history of your property is.

If unknown then the present time is a good time to start record keeping.

Testing for soil ph is a handy tool for finding out what the ground is lacking in.

These tests can help greatly in making the soil as productive as possible.

Lime is a valuable form and is available in different forms.

Though my preference is for a blended lime, not as much product is needed per hectare as compared to lime sand.

Gypsum is another product which usually works well on the heavier soil types.

Fertiliser, super phosphate, with blends of potash, and if needed, trace elements are essential for the production of healthy, vigorous pasture and crops

With trace elements I recommend that these are applied about every five years.

I find that if lime is applied, it is best to do it annually.

So, if there isn't a fertiliser history then apply super phosphate and trace elements in the first year, the second year just super phosphate on its own

The third year apply super phosphate and potash. There are various grades of potash 3:1, 3:2, and so on. A ph soil sample test will indicate the levels of what is required for the areas to be sown.

The fourth year back to straight supersaturate only and the fifth year back to super phosphate and pot ash with the blend that best suits your soil types.

Once the ground preparation has been accomplished seeding can be started.

If you are first time farmers, there is a lot of pleasure in being able to sit back and see what you have achieved.

The only thing missing in all of this, is what the God's send from the heavens, rain.

It is just as important as all the rest that goes into getting started.

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**Busy Bee at Gidge Reserve / Reserve 2145 on Sunday April 30th from 8am to 11ish.**

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*Morangup resident Brian Allen getting friendly with a reptile.*

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Pat was born in Trundle NSW, on a sheep and wheat farm, to Edith and John Patton, and her siblings Geoff, Harold and Pamela. She went on to become a nurse and midwife, eventually moving to Port Hedland as Acting Matron at the hospital, where she met her future husband Bruce and was indulged by the RFDS pilots who furthered her passion for flying by letting her take the controls occasionally.

Pat, Bruce and their children Craig, Ray, Jenny and Bethany moved to a farm in Clenton Road Gidgegannup in 1981, where Pat embraced the self-sufficiency lifestyle, breeding Angora goats, feeding her family on home grown produce, and teaching her children many invaluable life skills. She made many lifelong friends amongst her neighbours, supporting local book and gardening clubs, and winning many prizes for her produce at the Gidge show over the years.

Pat and Bruce separated and she returned to nursing, working in aged care until her retirement. Moving to a new 8 acre property in Lillie Road in the early nineties, Pat built a house and a magnificent garden. Always an avid and wide reader, after her house was saved from the Woorooloo fire, she was heard to say that whilst she grieved for her garden, it would have been the loss of her extensive library she would have found unendurable, and she was deeply grateful to the efforts of the Firefighters who saved it.

Pat has been a much loved member of the Gidgegannup community for over 40 years, known for her kindness and generosity, and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.



*Pat Challen.*

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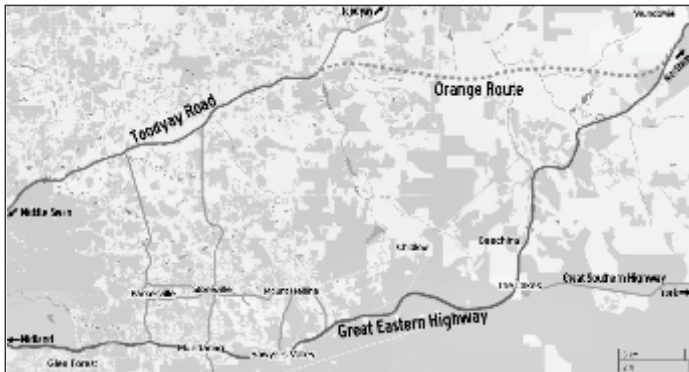
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# History of the Orange Route

(Excerpt from Wikipedia)

Future alignment of the Perth–Adelaide National Highway, along Toodyay Road and the proposed Orange Route. The current alignment is along Great Eastern Highway. There are long-term plans to bypass Great Eastern Highway's current ascent of the Darling Scarp, using part of Toodyay Road. Planning for a new major road network in Perth's eastern corridor began in the 1970s. Early planning efforts between 1978 and 1981 for a new highway reservation from Mundaring to Wooroloo encountered community opposition, and the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) requested a more detailed environmental assessment. In 1985, a study into the primary east–west traffic routes in the area was commissioned by the Main Roads Department, Metropolitan Region Planning Authority,[note 1] Shire of Mundaring, and Shire of Swan.[3] It recommended a new alignment, known as the "Orange Route", be selected for the Perth to Adelaide National Highway.[4] Alternative routes were identified using other colours as codenames.[5] The new national highway would travel north-east along Toodyay Road from Roe Highway to beyond Gidgegannup, and then deviate east via the proposed Orange Route to meet Great Eastern Highway near Wundowie. The ultimate design of the highway includes grade separated interchanges for all of the roads that it intersects. The Orange Route received environmental approval on 22 November 1989.[4] Detailed planning for the Clackline to Wooroloo section of the Orange Route was undertaken in 1998.[6] As of June 2012, construction of the Orange Route is not a priority for Main Roads. The project was not in the forward works program, there was no indication of the expected starting date, and no recent cost analysis had been undertaken. Plans are still in development, but funding for the project is a federal government responsibility.[7]



Map of the area between Glen Forest and Wundowie



## Rethink EastLink



The team from Rethink eastlink went down the hill to North Swan Park /Midland Sports Complex in early April and conducted a Clean up Australia event.

We chose this area because a whole oval and pavilion would be lost if Eastlink goes ahead! A massive interchange would mean that yet another oval would be lost. Considering this complex was built to replace Midland oval it seems silly to think that planners would even consider such a move.

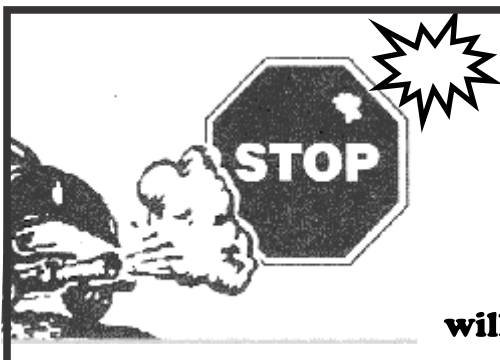
We picked up shopping trolleys, tyres, air conditioners, general rubbish and even a SAFE.

Thanks to everyone who came along and contributed to keeping this area clean and safe.

Interesting discussions in the last couple of editions of the Gidgegram re the Gidgegannup showgrounds. Suggestions that a Men's Shed would impact the showgrounds.

Strange that no mention was made that a major interstate highway is planned to go just north of the showgrounds. There is little doubt that trucks, traffic, noise and pollution 24 hours a day will have a far greater impact on the showgrounds. Have a look at our website: [www.rethinkeastlink.org](http://www.rethinkeastlink.org), and facebook page: @rethinkeastlink to see what is happening and what we are doing to maintain the lifestyle that we all live here for.

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